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To : Honorable James Marleau

Chair, Senate Committee on Health Policy

Dear Honorable James Marleau

I am not writing to you as a Professor but as a cancer survivor who just put her kids to bed and is always feeling that is saying goodnight for the last time. I have never felt so deeply the fear of death. I am not scared for myself; I am worried about my kids. What is cancer? One of my seven-year-old kids asked me a year ago. I sat with him and tried to explain something that we still do not know much about. However, what I do know is that I would not be in this condition if I had been educated better about my options six years ago. As an educator, I have always read almost anything, however, I never knew about the possibilities I had to get cancer. I trusted that my physicians were giving me the right information to stay healthy. I had my regular exams and I lived my life without fear that breast cancer would change one day my life forever.

Now, after five surgeries, radio and a genetic test done, I have become my best advocate and have been able to take some proactive measures. Unfortunately, I am one of the many examples of women that trusted their physicians and did not question enough. Although, I still believe that we should have faith in our physicians, it is also important to be well informed and make sure that **all physicians** are educating their patients about their health options. Not giving women the right to be fully educated about their own bodies and health should be unacceptable and therefore, any action against the Breast Dense Tissue bill is unreasonable.

I urge you, then, to consider the Breast Dense Tissue Bill (Senate Bill 87) and support women in Michigan. It is my hope that women never have to fear for their families. If you have a daughter, a mother, a grandmother or any women in your life that you care for dearly, please consider supporting the Breast Dense Tissue bill.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Natalia Gómez, PhD